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Hi Matt,

Thanks for covering this important story. At this point I think it is best to have the science speak for itself. I have attached the three published papers I have been part of – one deals with meconium. My colleague Jamie Lead is deep into an analyses of all the studies that have been published to date about meconium levels. He is taking great pains to describe the differences in techniques used and to make fair comparisons of the results. He will not release his finding until after they go through peer review- which is what all scientists do to assure the credibility of his work. We cannot engage in back and forth with the EPA or others based on opinion, we have to be careful and this requires months of scrutiny. Please be patient and we will send you the results of the meconium review paper when it is accepted for publication.

Thanks

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From: Matt Vincent <matt@rampart-solutions.com>
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 2:12 PM

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Subject: Interview

Good afternoon, Dr. McDermott,

I am a freelance journalist for The Butte Weekly printed newspaper, as well as the author of an editorial blog. This morning I covered the Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health meeting, which included a presentation by EPA's Dr. Charles Partridge that focused on his/his agency's review of the meconium study of which you were the lead author.

Based on his presentation, I would very much like to have a conversation with you to get your take and response on a number of issues that were raised.

My deadline is this Friday at 5 p.m., so the sooner you might be able to talk with me, the better.

Thanks!

Matt Vincent